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NIKKI M MASCALL, REPORTER

Subletting is something many New Yorkers have turned to for years when they want to get out of the city for a while, whether for work or fun, without losing their beloved apartment. But do you actually know what subletting entails? Turn to page 4, where we cover everything you need to know from making a request to your landlord to tips on what to do with your stuff. All we ask is that you take us with you wherever you go, OK?

WELCOME TO
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AMID NEW ALLEGATIONS

White House doctor Ronny Jackson has told colleagues he may withdraw as President Donald Trump's nominee for secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Washington Post reported on Wednesday. Citing two White House officials with knowledge of his deliberations, the Post said Jackson has grown frustrated with the nomination process. Jackson has faced allegations of questionable drug prescriptions, drunkenness and creating a hostile work environment. The explosive new allegations against Trump's nominee to lead the federal government's second-largest agency

were compiled in a document by Democratic staff on the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. They said he prescribed himself medications, got drunk at a Secret Service party, wrecked a government vehicle and once could not be reached on a work trip to provide medical treatment because he was passed out drunk in a hotel room, according to the summary. The department has long been under fire for the quality of healthcare it provides veterans, a group that carries considerable political clout. Jackson had been set for a Senate confirmation hearing for the job on Wednesday, which was postponed.

NYC TAXI DRIVERS CALL FOR
LIMIT ON CARS FOR HIRE

New York's yellow taxi drivers on Wednesday joined with drivers for Uber and other app-based ride services at a rally to call for guaranteed minimum pay and limits on growth in the number of cars for hire in the largest U.S. city. In a steady drizzle outside City Hall in lower Manhattan, dozens of drivers carried signs with slogans such as "Respect the Drivers," and "Stop the Race to the Bottom," before presenting their demands to Mayor Bill de Blasio and the city council. "We want regulation that will create a ground so that people have a chance to stand on something and not just

sink into a miserable poverty," said Bhairavi Desai, executive director of the 19,000-member New York Taxi Workers Alliance. Its demands include limiting the number of for-hire vehicles and ensuring that pay rates and regulations are the same for Uber, Lyft and other app-based ride services as they are for yellow cabs, whose numbers are limited to about 13,600. Since Uber and other app-based services came on the scene about five years ago, their category has swollen to more than 100,000 cars, according to Taxi and Limousine Commission chair Meera Joshi. About 2,000 cars a month are being added, she said.

ACTIVISTS WEIGH IN ON TRAVEL
BAN AT SUPREME COURT

Activists rally against the Trump travel ban on the day the Supreme Court hears arguments in *Hawaii v. Trump* in front of the court in Washington, D.C., on April 25, 2018. President Donald Trump's effort to ban immigrants from several Muslim-majority countries headed to the Supreme Court Wednesday, which will decide if his argument asserting national security interests was tainted by religious bias. The case, known as *Trump v. Hawaii*, will address the president's broad powers to set immigration policy, which the administration says permit Trump's travel ban, one of his hallmark policies since taking office in January 2017.

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FACEBOOK'S NUMBERS
RISE AFTER SCANDALS

Facebook Inc. shares rose on Wednesday after the social network reported a surprisingly strong 63 percent rise in profit and an increase in users, with no sign that business was hurt by a scandal over the mishandling of personal data. After easily beating Wall Street expectations, shares traded up 7.1 percent, paring a monthlong decline that began with Facebook's disclosure in March that consultancy Cambridge Analytica had harvested data belonging to millions of users. The Cambridge Analytica scandal, affecting up to 87 million users and prompting several apologies from Chief Execu-

tive Mark Zuckerberg, generated calls for regulation and for users to leave the social network, but there was no indication advertisers immediately changed their spending. "Everybody keeps talking about how bad things are for Facebook, but this earnings report to me is very positive, and reiterates that Facebook is fine, and they'll get through this," said Daniel Morgan, senior portfolio manager at Synovus Trust Company. Facebook said monthly active users in the first quarter rose to 2.2 billion, up 13 percent from a year earlier and matching expectations, according to Thomson Reuters.

KANYE SHATTERS TWITTER
SILENCE WITH POLITICS

Kanye West said on Wednesday that he had fired his manager and suggested he may run for U.S. president in a frenetic Twitter spree in which he promised four new albums and compared himself to Henry Ford and Walt Disney. The rapper and fashion designer, 40, who has emerged from a year's Twitter silence, also praised President Donald Trump, saying that he might not agree with him on everything but "the mob can't make me not love him. We are both dragon energy. He is my brother." Trump later tweeted, "Thank you Kanye, very cool!" In the past 10 days,

West has had a spate of Twitter posts, sometimes weighing in as often as 20 times an hour. West was admitted to a psychiatric facility in 2016 and canceled a tour after a week of no-shows, curtailed concerts and political rants. He has since adopted a low public profile. West, who in 2015 said he was considering running for the White House, also tweeted simply "2024." "When we become president, we have to change the name of the plane from Air Force One to Yeezy Force One," he added, referring to his Yeezy fashion line. **Read more about Kanye West and the presidency on page 12.**

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NEWS



Very often, New Yorkers confuse “sublet” and “assignment,” said Loret Vignon, an associate real estate broker with Citi Habitats. **ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK**

Is subletting your ticket out of town for the summer?

From learning what “sublet” actually means to tips for what to do with your stuff, we’ve got you covered.

Summers in New York City can be brutal, which



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is why so many New Yorkers often flock to anywhere else in search of a cool breeze and way fewer people.

Though such a move

isn’t possible for all of us thanks to things like jobs, budgets and that pesky apartment that won’t pay for itself while you’re sipping beach drinks somewhere fabulous, that abode could actually be your ticket out of town if you sublet it.

BUT FIRST, DO YOU KNOW WHAT SUBLET ACTUALLY MEANS?

Very often, New Yorkers confuse “sublet” and “assignment,” said Loret Vignon, an associate real estate broker with Citi Habitats.

“The difference between sublease and assignment is

an assignment is what you would use when you want to be relieved of liability, and sublease is when you have intent to return,” Vignon explained.

So that means if you’re relocating and don’t plan

on coming back to your apartment, subletting is not for you.

While many New Yorkers do turn to subletting in summer, “it’s really an all-year-round situation,” Vignon said.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT SUBLETTING IN NEW YORK CITY

- A sublet must be for a term of at least 30 days but no more than two years.

- Tenants in privately owned buildings with four or more units legally have the right to sublet, except for tenants in public or subsidized housing, nonprofit buildings, co-ops, rent-controlled tenants (though rent-stabilized tenants can) and those residents with rent subsidies.

- Tenants must get approval from their landlord and submit a letter with the sublet’s start/end dates, name, permanent address and written consent of potential subtenant, reason for sublet, your address for sublet term and copy of proposed sublease.

- Your landlord must send a notice of consent or reason for refusal of the sublet request within 30 days.

Source: metcouncilonhousing.org

Subletting your apartment can be a daunting task, especially if it’s done without the proper landlord approval or documentation to protect you, your landlord and your apartment.

“Enlist the services of a good broker, who can market and advertise it — and find the right applicant that will be approved by the landlord,” Vignon urged.

SO WHAT DO I DO WITH MY STUFF WHEN I SUBLET?

Congratulations, your landlord approved your sublet request, and you’re free to get out of town.

But what about all your stuff?

“If you’re going to keep your apartment, take your valuables,” Vignon said. “If you’re going to leave the apartment furnished, leave a rider of what’s there and take photos of everything

before you go.”

Adds Richard Mumby, organization expert at MakeSpace, “You want to make sure that you’re living up to the sublet expectations, that all the furniture, kitchen supplies, appliances offered remain, and then backtrack from there.”

So if you have heirloom furniture or other items you don’t want to leave behind

but can’t take with you, consider using a storage company like MakeSpace, which picks up and delivers your stuff and offers several storage options, from spaces the size of a hall closet to a three-bedroom apartment, for three or 12 months.

“Subletting is a fun way to hold onto a space that you really love,” Mumby said.



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Council proposes residential parking permits for Upper Manhattan residents



New York City car owners who live north of 60th Street through Inwood may soon need a parking permit should new City Council legislation pass. **Flickr/ NYC DOT**

"We can't afford to continue as one of the only big cities in America that doesn't have a residential parking permit system — this policy is long overdue."



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New York City car owners who live in Upper Manhattan may soon need a residential parking permit if new City Council legislation is passed.

Council members

Mark Levine, Helen Rosenthal and Keith Powers on Wednesday introduced a bill that would require the city's Department of Transportation to create and implement a residential parking permit (RPP) for all areas north of 60th Street and through Inwood.

The legislation would enable the DOT to designate 80 percent of parking spaces on certain residential blocks to the residents of that neighborhood, with the remaining 20 percent available to non-residents. The DOT would also decide the days and times permit requirements would be in effect.

The measure aims to offset crowding and congestion from non-

resident commuters who drive into Upper Manhattan and park their cars to switch to the subway, a practice that could increase if congestion pricing passes for cars traveling below 60th Street in Manhattan.

"For too long, suburban commuters have taken advantage of free

street parking in Northern Manhattan and crowded out the people

who actually live in our neighborhoods," Levine said. "Whether you live in Washington Heights or the Upper East Side, parking in our borough is an incredible challenge for so many who live here. Manhattan is already facing a suffocating congestion crisis that is hurting our economy, threatening the safety of pedestrians and cyclists

"Residential permit parking is a great step toward a more sensible street policy."

Helen Rosenthal

and poses a danger to our environment. We can't afford to continue as one of the only big cities in America that doesn't have a residential parking permit system — this policy is long overdue."

The RPP proposal would also require the DOT to hold public hearings with community boards prior to putting RPP into effect, only issue permits to those with a New York state driver's license, ensure permits are attached to specific license plate number and limit the number of permits issued to one licensed motorist.

"Residential permit parking is a great step

toward a more sensible street policy," Rosenthal said. "There's a reason that nearly every other major city in the country has implemented such a system — it makes good sense to discourage folks from driving to neighborhoods like the Upper West Side and to make life a little easier for existing residents."

Representatives of the DOT and Mayor Bill de Blasio told the New York Post that they would review the RPP proposal when they are introduced, but DOT officials told the paper that the residential parking permits would need state approval.

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These are the five #PoetweetNYC winning poems



New York City's word-smiths tweeted in droves last week as part of this year's #PoetweetNYC Twitter poetry contest, and as promised, we're publishing the five winning entries right here in Metro today, which happens to be Poem in Your Pocket Day.

On Poem in Your Pocket Day, New Yorkers are encouraged to literally carry a poem to share with friends, families or strangers. The day was founded by the mayor's office in 2002 and is now celebrated across the U.S. and Canada.

Run by the Mayor's Office and the Department of Cultural Affairs in honor of April being Na-

tional Poetry Month, the ninth annual #PoetweetNYC contest was also a joint celebration of Earth Day, which was April 22, and the 40th anniversary of Material for the Arts, the Long Island City-based reuse warehouse that collects discarded items from city businesses and residents and donates them to public schools, nonprofits and artists.

With those two in mind, judges looked for #PoetweetNYC participants to write about the environment and sustainability.

This year's judges were city first lady Chirlane McCray; Tom Finkelpearl, commissioner of the Department of Cultural

Affairs; Mark Chambers, director of the Mayor's Office of Sustainability; Alice Quinn, executive director of the Poetry Society of America; and Jennifer Benka, executive director of the Academy of American Poets.

"This year's #PoetweetNYC winners capture the humor, passion, and love of language that our twin themes — Poem in Your Pocket Day and Earth Day — inspired in tweeters from NYC and beyond," Finkelpearl said. "These pocket-sized verses would be ideal to carry around today, as would any poem that moves us to think and to celebrate poetry with our friends, family and neighbors." NIKKI M. MASCAU



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Winter overslept, hit snooze 3 times over.
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Daffodil sunbursts and evergreen clover.
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The fruit flies will be aboard the International Space Station for 30 days. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

City College of New York sent fruit flies into space. Here's why

A biology professor is spearheading an experiment involving the insects that in an effort to help researchers learn about astronauts' immune systems during missions.



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There are a lot of things floating in space, and among the planets, stars and satellites, within the International Space Station, are some fruit flies from a City College of New York lab.

Those fruit flies and their parasites — a type of wasp growing in space with them — may provide some insight into the health and immune systems of astronauts who go on space missions, said Shubha Govind, a professor of biology at the City College of New York.

Astronauts' immune systems can be vulnerable while on long-term space exploration missions, she said. They could be at risk of infections or dysfunction, and scientists don't yet understand how their bodies will react while in space.

"We worry, on long-term missions, how the immune system of humans will change," Govind said. "Will we be ready for unknown factors and events?"

But what does this have to do with fruit flies?

"Fruit flies have been used as a stand-in, a surrogate for understanding fundamental principles of biology for over a century," she explained.

Researchers have looked at fruit fly immune systems to help develop new human vaccines and to even better understand how immune systems overall evolve and adapt to changes. The fruit fly genome has more than 70 percent of the disease genes identified in humans, Govind said.

Fruit flies have also been up in space before for biological experiments, she added. But the one she's spearheading, for which she won a \$500,000 NASA grant three years ago, is a first.

"This is the first time we're sending this model of the fruit fly and [its natural] parasite together,"

she said. Those parasitic wasps need the fruit fly host to live, so there is a sort of "biological" arms race going on between the two.

"The question," Govind said of these insects in space, "is, 'Who wins the arms race?'"

The samples were launched into space April 2 and are due to return to Earth in early May, after having been up there for about 30 days.

"As we speak, we are preparing for the samples to come back and to basically look at as many parameters as we can quickly so that

the effects of Earth's conditions don't take over," Govind said.

There's a lot of unknowns, and though she said she's been thinking about all the "what ifs," she isn't sure what she will learn when looking at the space samples and comparing them to control samples on Earth at the Kennedy Space Center. She's open-minded, though, and preparing to look "at all levels" to hopefully get some clear answers that can help astronauts.

"We worry, on long-term missions, how the immune system of humans will change."

Shubha Govind

Orbiting 101: The dating phenomenon that you knew about all along

The dating world comes with many things: heart-break, awkward online profiles, one-night stands, cheap two-for-one deals at restaurants ... the works. And even if you are happily in a relationship (guilty) or taking a break from the dating scene (understandable), you've heard of ghosting. As one Metro designer related to me, "It honestly sucks, and it's so baffling! Sometimes you really think things are going so well and everything is clicking, but then all of a sudden no answer." Sound familiar? Now there's a word for when you're ghosted but that ghoster still relentlessly creeps on your social feeds: orbiting.

Why does orbiting happen?

The same Metro co-worker came to the conclusion that, like so many others, she's unknowingly been a victim of orbiting: "This guy ghosted me and then never unfollowed me, still liked my pics, and then all of a sudden, out of the blue, contacted me again explaining why he ghosted."

But she wasn't sure why it happened. "Was [it] that he still found me attractive but didn't want the pressure of dating [or] starting a relationship? Sheer laziness of making plans?"

Man Repeller writer Anna Iovine, who coined the term, says there are three reasons for orbiting.

Motive No. 1: Orbiting to exert power

Orbiters want you to know they're looking because keeping friendly ties with you gives them some sort of power. Or — and this may just be my cynicism talking — the power move is in place to manipulate you, to push you to contact them.

WHAT IS ORBITING?

As Elite Daily noted, the term was created by Man Repeller writer Anna Iovine. She picked this word because, well, it describes the situation perfectly: they're "keeping you in their orbit!" This means you're "close enough to see each other; far enough to never talk."

Motive No. 2: Orbiting by accident

Orbiters could be doing all this unintentionally, perhaps because they aren't aware that you can see them looking at your social media (i.e. Snapchat and Instagram stories).

Motive No. 3: Orbiting because of FOMO

Orbiters might also keep tabs on you in case they want to pursue you in the future.

"Part of this orbiting behavior is really related to the underlying FOMO [fear of missing out]," licensed professional clinical counselor Dr. Rachel O'Neill told Man Repeller. "There's a concern that if they were to completely eliminate contact with you, then they might miss the opportunity to reconnect with you later on."

Orbiting and social media

Social media, with its constant flow of information, makes it easy to orbit others.

As O'Neill said, "If circumstances change (for example, the orbiter decides they want to pursue a relationship), the orbiting behavior also offers a relatively easy entry to return back into your life (i.e., commenting on a post, DMing)."

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Mayor de Blasio and Speaker Johnson want to ensure that the money from the city goes to the Subway Action Plan. GETTY IMAGES

Mayor, City Council speaker seek accountability from MTA for Subway Action Plan funding

Mayor Bill de Blasio and Speaker Corey Johnson have written to the MTA to ask for a plan to prove that the \$418 million funding from the city is put to the right work.



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Mayor Bill de Blasio and City Council Speaker Corey Johnson want to make sure that the money New York City is giving to the MTA for its Subway Action Plan isn't spent on other efforts.

The officials sent a joint letter to MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota on Wednesday asking for accountability when it comes to the \$418 million the city is contributing to the transportation authority.

The mayor agreed back in March that the city would pay for half of the Subway Action Plan, an initiative to fix the beleaguered, aging service — even though the MTA is a state agency.

"This funding is in addition to the substantial investment city government already makes to the MTA on an annual basis that is now \$1.8 billion — six times the state's direct annual contribution of \$300 million," the city officials wrote in the letter.

"As elected leaders of the City of New York who are responsible for its fis-

cal health, we must ensure that precious taxpayer dollars are not diverted away from the subway crisis to other MTA priorities," the letter continues.

The city has pushed for a "Lock Box" condition to the one-time large payment, requiring that the funds only be spent on the Subway Action Plan. That's been clarified in state law, they write, and "must be put into practice by the MTA."

The letter specifically asks for assurances on increased transparency, suggesting the MTA should provide a monthly update on the Subway Action Plan and regular briefings to representatives of de Blasio and Johnson, as well as website updates available to the public.

The MTA should also change how it measures progress and setbacks, focusing not only on "major subway incidents," but on the day-to-day experience of the average straphanger, officials say.

"The MTA needs to measure progress through the reduction of time passengers spend waiting at stations or traveling on trains," the letter reads. "The MTA also needs to do a much better job of earning the confidence of the riding public in the accuracy of these delay statistics."

Finally, the mayor and speaker ask that the MTA plans for the future, to make sure that any improvements from the Subway Action Plan last long-term, through maintenance and inspections.

"Failure is not an op-

tion and we firmly believe that a more transparent process can lead to better, more effective implementation," the letter reads. "We are eager for everyone to put politics aside and support the important work of improving the commutes of millions of New Yorkers."

"The MTA needs to measure progress through the reduction of time passengers spend waiting at stations..."

City officials, in a letter

In an emailed statement to Metro, MTA Communications Director Jon Weinstein said that the transportation authority is already "completely focused on implementing the fully transparent Subway Action Plan."

"We are puzzled by the letter received today as everything it outlined was mandated in the law passed by the legislature in this year's budget," he said. "After the city's almost year-long refusal to contribute funding was finally resolved by the state legislature's mandate earlier this month, we can now finally take all of the aggressive steps outlined."

Danish inventor gets life for gory murder of journalist on his submarine

Danish inventor Peter Madsen was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for murdering, sexually mutilating and dismembering a Swedish female journalist with premeditation aboard his home-made submarine in Copenhagen harbor in 2017.

Madsen, dressed entirely in black, sat motionless as the Copenhagen City Court handed down its verdict in a grisly case straight from the pages of a dark Scandinavian psycho-thriller.

Already well known in Denmark for his submarines and his plan to send a human into space in a homemade rocket, Madsen was detained last August when he emerged from his submarine without Kim Wall, a 30-year-old who was researching a piece on him.

Later that month, police identified a torso washed ashore in Copenhagen as Wall's. Her arms, legs and head were found later.

Madsen changed his version of events several times, finally arguing that Wall had been suffocated by an accidental gas leak.

But forensic tests found that she had either been strangled or had her throat cut — and that around the time of her death, Madsen had stabbed her in her breasts and genitals with a knife or screwdriver.

Judge Anette Burkoe said the panel of judges had been unanimous in finding him guilty of a murder that had been planned.

During the trial, a police prosecutor said images of women being strangled and decapitated, "which we presumed to be real", had been found on Madsen's computer in a laboratory he ran.

Wall was a freelance journalist whose work had appeared in Harper's Magazine, Time, the New York Times, the Atlantic Magazine, the Guardian,

Foreign Policy and the South China Morning Post.

She held degrees from New York's Columbia University and the London School of Economics and had written about topics ranging from gender and social justice to pop culture and foreign policy, according to her LinkedIn profile.

Wall had been writing an article for the U.S. magazine Wired on Madsen's race against another Danish group to be the first to send a person into space in a home-made rocket, her boyfriend told the court during the trial.

Wall had split her time between New York

"She gave a voice to the weak, the vulnerable and marginalized people. That voice would have been needed for a long, long time. Now, that won't be."

Kim Wall's mother

and Beijing, and was planning to move to China with her boyfriend less than a week after the fatal trip.

Poignantly, she sent him unsuspecting text messages on the evening she was meeting Madsen, reading: "I'm still alive btw," "But going down now," "I love you!!!" and, "He brought coffee and cookies too."

Wall's closest relatives were not present in court; her mother had previously said: "She gave a voice to the weak, the vulnerable and marginalized people. That voice



Danish inventor Peter Madsen admitted to dismembering a reporter's body and throwing it off his submarine, but denied murder. GETTY IMAGES

would have been needed for a long, long time. Now, that won't be."

Madsen, 47, admitted to dismembering the body and throwing it off his 56-foot submarine, but denied murder. But the court found that he had dismembered the body to conceal the evidence of the killing.

He was also found to have committed "sexual assault without intercourse" in relation to the 14 interior and exterior stab wounds found on Wall's genitals.

Forensic tests did not support Madsen's claim that Wall had suffocated, and the judge said the explanation was not credible and "not consistent with the subsequent decision to dismember the body."

A life sentence in Denmark is typically around 15 years without parole. The longest-serving convict in modern Danish history is set to begin his 34th year behind bars this year after the murder of two young adults in 1985.

Madsen will appeal the sentence, his lawyer told the court.

A memorial fund set up in Kim Wall's name by her parents, brother and friends has received donations from over a thousand individuals.

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Someone's getting pretty serious about Kanye West becoming president

The rapper tweeted "2024" and shortly afterward, campaign posters were spotted in cities around the country.



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Kanye for president? At least that's what a recent tweet made by the hip-hop star has many of his fans and followers believing.

Kanye West has been very active lately on Twitter, often times giving himself high praises for his contributions to hip-hop, fashion and culture and teasing his fans about when he and other artists are releasing music.

In between the Kanye

tweets about life, new projects he's working on and other random musings, he tweeted something Tuesday night that suggests he has a penchant for becoming the leader of the free world.

Kanye West simply tweeted "2024" and his fans quickly took that as he has plans to run for president of the United States.

Coincidentally, in several cities including Los Angeles, New York City, and Chicago, posters show his face with the slogan "Keep America Great" and the hashtag #KANYE2024

The posters appear to promote Kanye West's run for president in 2024.

The Kanye posters appear to be created by anonymous street artists who are not connected to Kanye West.

According to far-right, pro-Trump website The Gateway Pundit, the artists involved with placing the Kanye for president signs in different cities released a statement about West.

"Kanye West tore a hole in the fabric of reality this weekend by recognizing the wisdom of YouTube Candace Owens

"We don't know if Kanye wants to be president. Trump has proved that it creates a huge amount of enemies."

Street artists, in a statement



"Keep America Great" signs emerge in cities across the country to promote the artist's recent tweet that suggests he is running for president in 2024. GETTY IMAGES

in the most publicly unfiltered way possible, via Twitter," the artists wrote in a statement to the far-right website.

"Donald Trump has proved to all Americans that clarity of vision and the ability to persuade

are much stronger assets for a president than political experience. Kanye appears to get this more than anyone else out there. Candace Owens is fighting for individual sovereignty, self-responsibility, and being recognized

by Kanye is a watershed moment for this country," the artists added. "We don't know if Kanye wants to be president, Trump has proved that it creates a huge amount of enemies, but recognizing universal cultural truths is something that cultural icons are better at than politicians, it's how they build success."

While this all could be about a bunch of guerrilla artists who love Kanye West and are seeking to capitalize on his recent Tweets, the idea of Kanye West running for president of the United States isn't anything new.

During the 2015 MTV Video Music Awards, the rapper and designer took to the stage and announced his plans to run for president in 2020.

While it is uncertain if there ever will be a real Kanye for president campaign, the hip-hop artist, producer and clothing designer sure knows how to sway the attention in his direction on Twitter, which is something President Trump also seems to be very skilled at.

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Is romaine lettuce safe to eat despite E. coli outbreak?

Is romaine lettuce safe to eat yet? This is likely the question on the minds of thousands if not millions of health-conscious Americans as a nationwide E. coli outbreak has caused at least 84 people to fall ill.

The E. coli-contaminated romaine lettuce has shaken up lettuce-eaters, particularly since of those 84 infections, 42 have required hospitalization, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, which on Wednesday said nine patients developed kidney failure. The CDC reported that these numbers are on the high side for an E. coli outbreak. Fortunately, no deaths have been reported.

So, have they recalled romaine lettuce? And where, exactly, is the source of the E. coli?

So many questions, but few answers. As of Wednesday, there were no recalls of romaine



An E. coli outbreak of romaine lettuce is causing hospitalizations across the U.S. GETTY IMAGES

lettuce in the U.S., though media coverage has led to consumers avoiding the popular greens. As for the source of the outbreak — well, that's a mystery, though an investigation is ongoing. The infected romaine lettuce has been tracked to Yuma, Arizona, which is a popular region for the vegetable. The problem is that no one farm has been identified as the E. coli culprit.

Here's what the CDC says consumers should do (or don't do):

Do not eat or buy romaine lettuce unless you can confirm it is not from the Yuma, Arizona, growing region.

Product labels often do not identify growing regions; so, do not eat or buy romaine lettuce if you do not know where it was grown.

This advice includes whole heads and hearts of romaine, chopped romaine, and salads and salad mixes containing romaine lettuce. If you do not know if the lettuce in a salad mix is romaine, do not eat it.

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Could the rival Koreas declare peace after a 70-year standoff?

Expert on North and South leaders' meeting: "Both leaders need a diplomatic win."



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North Korea's Kim Jong-un and South Korea's President Moon Jae-in will hold a summit Friday, April 27 — only the third time in their history the two sides have met. The rare meeting that will happen at a village on the border between the two countries will culmi-

nate the rapprochement process kicked off during the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games in February after years of tensions.

Jenny Town, assistant director at the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins SAIS and managing editor of 38 North website, specializes in analysis of the situation in North Korea, and explains what to expect from the summit and how it could influence the likelihood of talks between President Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un.

Why did it become possible for Kim Jong-un to meet both Moon



and Trump?

Jenny Town: By declaring last year and in his New Year's speech victory in achieving his state nuclear force, Kim Jong Un likely now feels very confident in dealing with the international community, coming to the table in a position of strategic parity with the big powers. He can now also shift focus on his "Byungjin" policy of dual nuclear and economic development to the economic side of the equation, having achieved the nuclear goal, for which he does need to repair relations with the international community to facilitate economic de-

velopment. He can also now make diplomatic concessions on the parts of his WMD program dealing with, for instance, technological development (testing regimes and infrastructure) and fissile material production, that won't fundamentally change the North's nuclear capabilities, leaving the most substantive parts for the latter part of the process.

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ful flight test of the Hwasong-15 ICBM seem to have been the final pieces of Kim's definition of a credible nuclear deterrent against the United States, and enough for him to declare his program as complete. This essentially closed the door on the development phase of the nuclear deterrent — especially the need for testing and demonstration of technologies/capabilities — which then, in turn, opens the door more diplomatic postures.

How reliable is Kim?

You could ask this of any government, especially as the U.S. threatens to pull

out of a number of international agreements. But essentially, this is why, in any agreement, there needs to be explicit detail and robust verification measures built in.

What can we expect from the meetings?

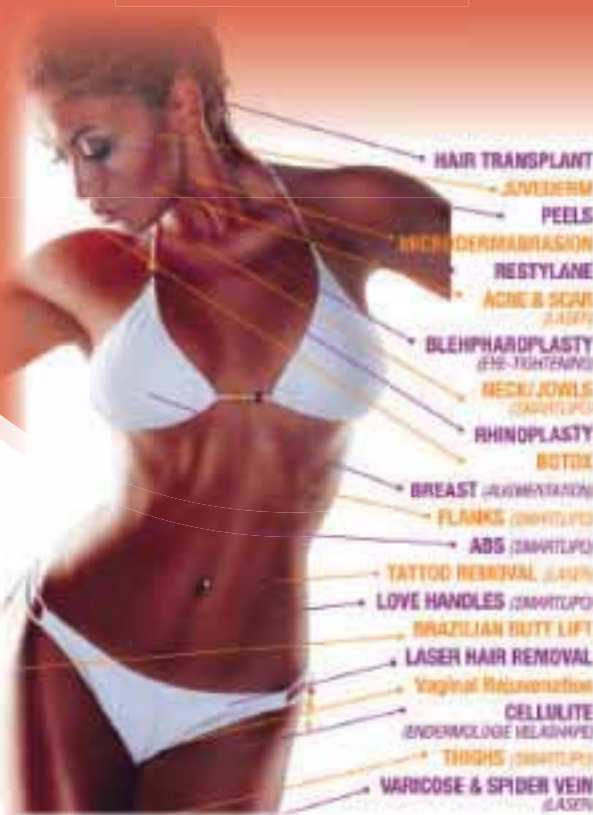
There is probably a lot of ground that could be covered in the summit meetings. No one is going to walk about with a comprehensive, detailed agreement. That's not the purpose of summits. But they should be seeking firm commitments to mutually agreeable goals, with a common understanding of timing and

phasing going forward.

Will the Korean summit be successful?

I am concerned, especially with some of the hype about pre-summit discussions coming out of Seoul, that expectations of what can and should be accomplished in the summit meeting are unrealistically high. At the same time, I am more optimistic than most that the two will come to some kind of understanding on both the nuclear issue and a path toward normalizing relations can be found, given both leaders' need for a diplomatic win.

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America's Health Writer

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What Is This

Treatment And How Does It Work?

If you are suffering with knee (or other joint) arthritis and pain, you are not alone. Degenerative joint disease or "arthritis" affects 21 mil-lion Americans and typically involves the weight bearing joints – like your knees. According to the American College of Rheumatology, nearly 70% of people over the age of 70 have x-ray evidence of the disease (and the ranks of much younger victims of this progressive disorder continue to grow significantly).

The worst thing is: Arthritis can be devastating. The pain can keep you up at night and make getting out of bed and moving around a daunting task. The pain and stiffness can suck all the happiness and joy right out of your life

And up until now, treatment options have not been that good...

or that appealing to most patients. The basic protocol has been a steady diet of toxic pain pills until your joints completely wear out and then it's time to surgically replace the knee joint.

But Now Things Have Changed

Osteoarthritis is a joint disease that mostly affects the cartilage. Cartilages the tissue that covers the ends on bones in a joint. When healthy, cartilage allows bones to glide smoothly over one another and acts as a shock absorber. Your "normal" knee also contains a small amount of fluid called synovial fluid. This synovial fluid is a thick, gel-like solution that cushions and lubricates the joint—much like oil lubricates the engine of your car.

In osteoarthritis, the synovial fluid loses it's lubricating properties and "dries up" allowing the cartilage to break down and wear away. This is *like running your car with little or no oil*. Now as you attempt to use your knee(s), there is not enough lubrication causing the bones to grind together resulting in pain, swelling, stiffness and the joint continues to wear out. This is a vicious cycle and can lead to bone-on-bone rubbing and excruciating pain. Pain pills do NOT lubricate the joint or fix the problem. They simply mask the pain so you do not feel the pain as your joints continue to deteriorate. The eventual repercussions of this are obvious.

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Who Should Consider Viscosupplementation... Where Can You Get It And... When Should You Start?

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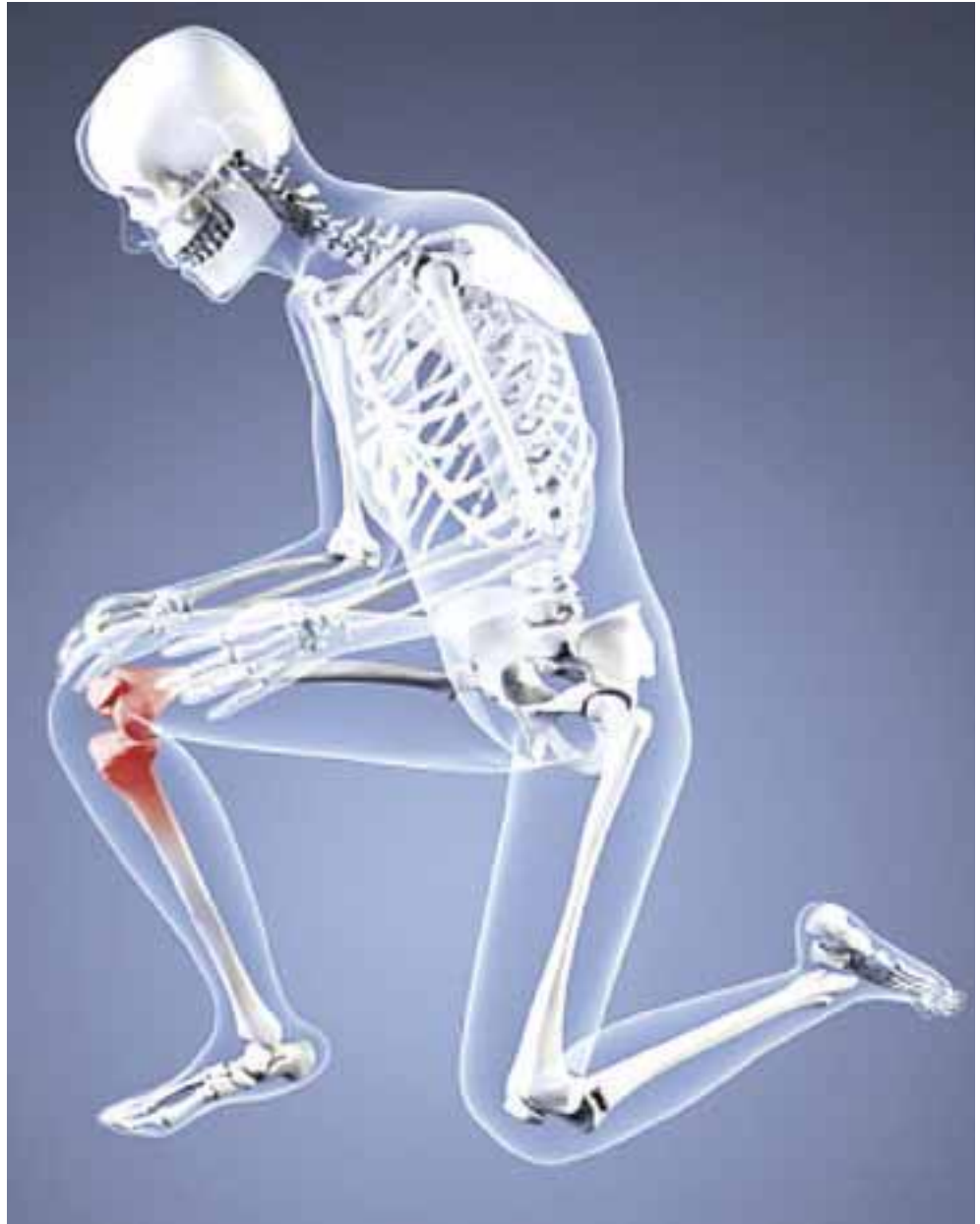
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Being a grownup can be a bummer. When we were kids, we got summers off—now that we've traded the academic year for a 401(k), vacation days are carefully meted out and we usually have to cash them in on visits to family. If you're feeling stressed, check out adult summer camp. Friendship bracelets, capture-the-flag and bug juice by the bonfire are givens, but the camps on our list have activities to engage the adult in you, too.

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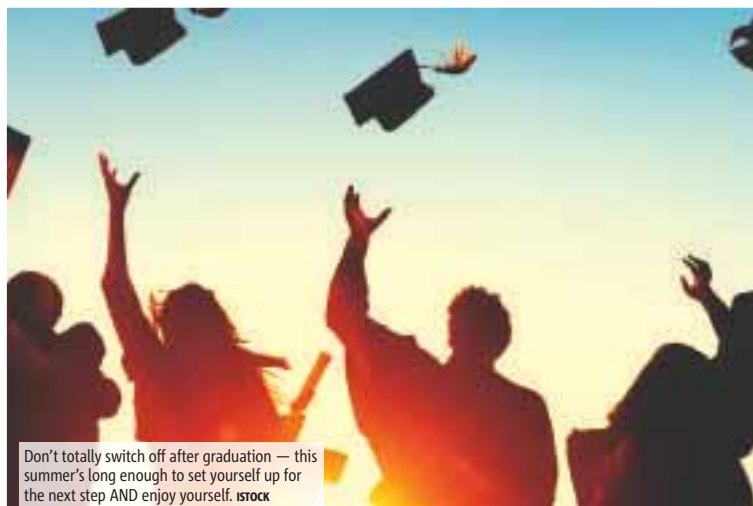
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High school is going by fast. College is just around the corner, and the summer is a huge, open field of possibility. You've been looking forward to bumming around on the couch watching "Riverdale" and snacking, but could your time be better spent on college preparation?

College prep doesn't have to be scary or boring. Catch these tips—you could end up having the best summer of your life.

Read, read, read

Read from your recommended list for next year, take a look at next



Don't totally switch off after graduation — this summer's long enough to set yourself up for the next step AND enjoy yourself. **istock**

year's textbooks, invest in cultivating speed-reading skills, because one thing's for sure — you're going to be completely overwhelmed by the pages you're meant to compute your first year in Big Kid School. Do anything you can to get your nose in some books, because you'll need to be practiced

and disciplined at reading if you want to do well in college. Even reading for pleasure will keep your brain in top shape for learning.

Contribute to society

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SnapChat ... there are endless fun ways to carve out a place for yourself in the big, wide world while you're waiting for school to start again. If you find yourself stumped, check out resources like Habitat for Humanity, TeenLife, or Philadelphia Youth Network to find out about volunteer opportu-

nities in your area.

Spot school-supply deals

You'll have to start doing your own shopping pretty soon, and probably on a shoestring budget. Get in the habit of looking for bargains now — you'll get practice taking care of yourself and your parents will appreciate the help.

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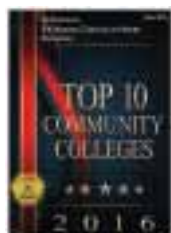
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How to future-proof your career

Use this summer to step up your game when it comes to knowledge, skills and an awareness of your next step (be it more schooling, courses or something else entirely).



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Even if you're not looking to move on from your current role just yet, it pays to be prepared. Especially as according to a recent study from Oxford University, nearly 50 percent of all jobs, as we know them today, are likely to be eliminated by technology within the next 20 years. So how do you make sure you're never out of a job? By future-proofing your career. Often.

Expand your



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network base

There's nothing more important in your career than the people you meet along the way. It doesn't matter what industry you're in; making connections with those around you, but more important, those above you, is a critical step toward being

considered for your next role. Recommendations are career currency, so if you're able to impress your potential future boss before they advertise the role, even better.

Up-skill regularly

We're not saying that you need to go back to

college, but learning is a lifelong skill, especially as it's estimated that one million Americans will see their occupations vanish by 2026. However, you don't have to spend a fortune on courses when there are free online offerings through websites like EDX and Open2Study.

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Be flexible

According to a report from the World Economic Forum, the average young American will hold at least seven jobs in their career lifetime. So being able to recognize new opportunities when they arise (even though you might be ready to move on) is important. That way you'll never outgrow your role or your company.

Get tech-savvy

You don't need to know how to code your own website, but you do need to understand the concepts behind how technology affects your given career. What programs do you need a working knowledge of for your next step up?

Being tech-savvy also extends to your experience with computer systems and social media. In the future, it's predicted that nearly every job will have some element of technology attached to it, so it's a good idea to understand more than just the basics.

Create your brand

Having your own brand isn't just for celebrities. Presenting your best self online, on platforms such as LinkedIn or your own website, is one way to make sure you're noticed by your next employer. And it's a good chance to "brand" yourself for your next role now. Do you know you'll need a particular skill for a promotion? Learn it and promote it far and wide on your profile. And don't forget to leave out any peripheral roles or experience. Make your résumé concise so it stands out immediately.

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High school dropouts still make it to college



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While two of three teenagers graduate from high school in the spring and enter a four-year college in the fall, one in 20 leaves school without a diploma, according to the most-recent federal data. But in time, nearly half of them find their way back to a classroom.

As a teen, Diana Campos dropped out of high school in Chicago to dance and teach her way through Japan, Germany, Mexico and New York City for over a decade.

"I felt like I wasn't going to need an education," Campos says. "I don't know why I convinced myself of that."

Years later, Campos



You may have left the classroom once. Consider this a second chance at a degree. iStock

changed her mind. The first step, a high school equivalency exam, put her on more equal footing with former classmates. Yet she was reluctant to follow their path to a four-year college.

Work, children,

financial pressures and hard life lessons provide dropouts with different perspectives when they decide to choose a path to a degree. Here's how three high school dropouts changed direction.

Online college and life

balance

Christopher Banks dropped out of high school when he was 16. Shortly afterward, he witnessed a car accident. At the scene, he hit it off with an EMT who took him under her wing and talked him into chang-

ing his life.

"She forced me to go back to school and paid for everything," Banks says.

He started with a high school equivalency exam, then a paramedic's certificate and an associate degree in nurs-

ing. Now, at 42, he's on his way to a bachelor's degree in nursing at Arizona State University Online.

When looking for an online program, Banks was careful about finding the right fit.

"I don't want to sound too negative, but I didn't want a program where I was just buying a degree — I wanted to actually learn something," Banks says.

He juggles online schoolwork with his on-call schedule as a flight nurse, traveling to patients in northern Arizona and the Navajo Nation. Online college requires discipline, he says, but the flexibility is worth it.

"I can still work full-time and have a life outside of school and work," says Banks, who is financing his education with a mix of federal student loans. He expects to earn his bachelor's degree in May and plans to take his nursing

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A chance for academic validation

Community college can offer a second-chance for high school dropouts who found little academic success in the past. That's the case for Menachem "Mendy" Green, 21, of Monsey, New York, who dropped out of his high school within the yeshiva system of private traditional Jewish schools when he was 16.

"I thought I was stupid," says Green, who works as a trip manager at Shabbat.com. "I wanted to prove to myself somehow that I am capable."

Green learned about a 24-credit program in which students take college courses while earning their high school equivalency at Rockland Community College, part of the State University of New York system. It took a couple of failed entrance exams followed by tutoring and remedial classes, but he got in.

Green earned his

high school equivalency diploma and is working toward an associate's degree in business management. He's paying for school with financial aid and help from his parents. Green has his sights set on continuing his education after leaving community college and plans to someday own a physical therapy clinic.

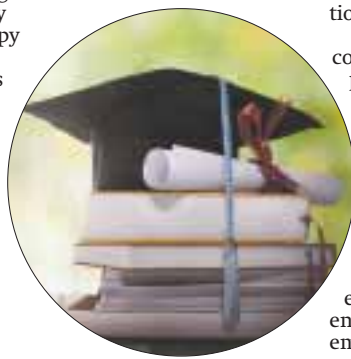
Going to college is helping Green move past his previous negative experiences in school. "I want to show any teacher who yelled at me for not doing my homework or who failed me: Watch me do this," he says. "Watch me become successful."

Looking for college close to home

Nearly 10 years after Campos got her GED high school equivalency diploma, she returned to her South Side Chicago neighborhood to take care of her mother, a retired nurse who Campos says had hoped her daughter would take a more traditional path to

college.

"I think she had the expectation that I was going to do the normal thing and finish high school and go to college," Campos says. "I would have been the first in our family to do it the normal way, but



I'm still going to be the first to do it."

Location largely determined where Campos went to school. She enrolled part-time in the City College of Chicago system and when she moved to the southwest side of the city, she was able to transfer seamlessly to Richard J. Daley

College, her current community college.

At first, Campos wanted a teaching degree to grow her dance activism company BreakThrough Movement, which encourages kids to open a dialogue about violence, LGBTQ bullying and immigration in their community.

But Campos says community college provided more opportunities than she anticipated, such as small classes, meeting with an academic mentor and discovering a passion for STEM — an integrated curriculum of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"When I started taking more math and science classes I realized it is so connected to dance," Campos says. "The scientific method is something artists use all the time; we just don't use the same terminology."

She now plans to create an education model that integrates STEM learning with

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dance.

"I absolutely feel better prepared this way than I think I would have if I had started right off the bat at a four-year school," says Campos, who is studying engineering science. She's paying for college with financial aid and a scholarship.

Campos will attend Chicago's Illinois Institute of Technology in the fall to pursue her bachelor's degree. She plans to get a master's degree, too.

Completing a postsecondary program isn't easy for those who return to earn their high school equivalency

diplomas, but the payoff is worth it.

Among GED diploma holders, only 12% are likely to complete a postsecondary program within six years of passing the equivalency exam, according to the American Council on Education, which administers the GED test.

Students who complete a college program have the potential for higher median earnings over their lifetime, according to research by Georgetown University's Center for Education and the Workforce. The more education, the better off they'll be. **ANNA HELIOSKI**

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Meet the new Harry Potter

Jamie Parker talks playing the grown-up Boy Who Lived and gives a peek into the Broadway magic that brings J.K. Rowling's world to life.



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Jamie Parker has been playing the title role in "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" for over 200 shows, starting with the play's 2016 premiere in the West End and now at Broadway's Lyric Theatre. Yet he still remembers the moment he realized the enormity of the role.

"It was when the music started and I was waiting to come on for the first preview in London," recalls Parker, who's joined by the six other original main cast members for the Broadway production.

"It's like jumping out of a plane — which I did once 12 or 13 years ago. It's just a moment of insanity really, like when you realize,



The play's special effects involve a lot of fancy footwork by the cast.
MATTHEW MURPHY

"My ankles are outside of the plane, what the hell is going on!"

'Harry is not perfect'

Though Harry is not the star of the play, all eyes are on Parker. "Cursed Child" is considered the

official eighth part of the Harry Potter series co-written by J.K. Rowling and John Tiffany and adapted for the stage by Jack Thorne. The story picks up 19 years after the events of "Deathly Hallows" and focuses on Harry and Ginny's son, Albus Severus Potter, who befriends Draco Malfoy's son Scorpius. Together, they try to make their own mark on the wizarding world.

Harry himself is struggling with his role as a father. Parker praises script

as "uncompromising" for its willingness to be honest about what kind of parent Harry would grow up to be after a childhood shaped by such trauma.

"They want to explore that; they don't want to pull punches," he says. "Harry is not perfect — he'd gone through a lot of difficulty, and the happiness there is hard won. He goes to some pretty upsetting places and he does some questionable things and says bad things to good people, and he has to wrestle with that as much as his friends and family do, as much as the audience do."

From book to stage

At 38 years old, Parker is very nearly the same age Harry would be now in the real world, and shares a bit of life experience with the Boy Who Lived. He, too, went to boarding school at age 12 in Scotland, where Hogwarts is located somewhere in the Highlands. They even had similar round glasses.

But Parker had only read the first book and seen some of the movies when he got the part. He "went full Hermione Granger" to catch up and has now completed

multiple read-throughs, a process that's helped shape his performance.

"It does evolve, inevitably," says Parker, who won the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Actor in a Play for the role. "Sometimes it cycles back on itself and you come back to something very obvious that you had early on. But sometimes also I look back on the early days performing it and go, 'Oh, that was so simplistic.'"

"I'm still making connections with the books now. I'm hearing echoes from lines from five novels ago and go-

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"Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" finds Harry (Jamie Parker) struggling to connect with his son Albus Severus (Arthur Bowen). MANUEL HARLAN

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The trio all grown up: From left, Jamie Parker (Harry Potter), Nona Dumezweni (Hermione Granger) and Paul Thornley (Ron Weasley).
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The trauma Harry endured as a child haunts him even 19 years later.
MANUEL HARLAN

ing, 'God I've only just noticed that.'

Though beloved by hundreds of millions of children and adults worldwide, Rowling's books still do not command the same respect afforded other classics of literature. Parker himself started with the same "superficial idea that it was this big thing with wizards," but has since grown to appreciate its craftsmanship, even comparing its enduring mythos to

Shakespeare's Henry V. "Jo's writing is willing to tell children the truth," he says.

"You do learn through her, guess what, grown-ups make mistakes, there is darkness in the world, don't believe everything you read through the newspapers or sometimes institutions don't have your best interests at heart. It's complex and complicated, and she doesn't patronize young minds."

"Harry's not perfect – he'd gone through a lot of difficulty, and the happiness there is hard won."

'Arts and sciences'

A common refrain in reviews of the play is the script only tells half the story. Audiences

are urged to #KeepTheSecrets of how exactly the magic is brought to life, but the consensus is that "Cursed Child"'s

stagecraft has revolutionized live theater.

When the actors cast spells, their wands glow and spew fire; at one point, the theater is beset by Dementors, while the sequence where the new teenage trio use a potion to transfigure into adults draws gasps. "The blend of arts and sciences in this production is profound, and it's something I'd dearly love to give a TED Talk about," Parker says with a rueful laugh. "It never

fails to fascinate me."

Though Cursed Child is a play, Parker describes what the actors need to do to make that magic happen almost like the choreography of a musical: "You have to stand very specifically, sometimes to the centimeter, on the stage or look in a particular way or adjust the angle of your body just by a couple of degrees in order that the audience doesn't see what we don't want them to see."

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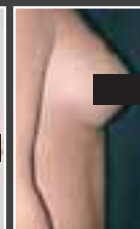
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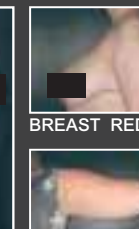
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"In Dreams Awake" brings six towering statues that "delightfully break the boundaries between art, the urban environment, nature, dream and reality" to

Broadway's pedestrian malls from 64th to 157th streets. The statues are the work of narrative artist Kathy Rutenberg, internationally renowned for blending the human form with animal features and even plants to create her ethereal sculptures.

Though Rutenberg's work has been featured in museums and galleries since the 1980s, this is her first outdoor installation and called for a little extra creativity. Cast from bronze, mosaic glass and liquid plastic, her figures fit into their surrounding landscapes to intentionally blur the lines between reality and fantasy.

Across from Lincoln Center, a tree dressed



Artist Kathy Rutenberg's outdoor installations bring whimsy to busy Broadway. IMAGES COURTESY OF BROADWAY MALL ASSOCIATION

with its roots flared out in a tutu performs on a pedestal; Ms. Mighty Mouse longs for the cheese counter at Zabar's on 79th Street; and near Columbia University on 117th Street, instead of Atlas carrying the world on his shoulders, an upside-down woman balances the Earth on her feet.

"The pace of the city contrasts with the rhythms of nature, raising questions of what effect this disparity has on the human psyche," the artist says in a statement. "Man's relationship to nature is an underlying concern throughout my work. As the inhabitants of the natural world are

increasingly displaced by urban and suburban sprawl, I find myself using anthropomorphic fables to return nature's creatures to our human consciousness."

"In Dreams Awake" will be fully installed by Friday, April 27 and remain on view through February 2019. This is Rutenberg's first major

outdoor sculpture installation, a co-production of NYC Parks and the Broadway Mall Association. The BMA has been working to beautify and maintain Broadway's pedestrian malls for more than 30 years and launched its Art on the Malls program in 2005 with more than 20 artists featured so far.

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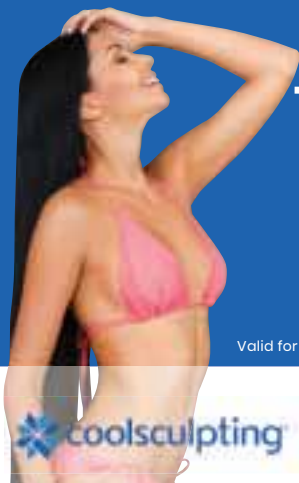
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Matt Smith on the “hugely flawed” and “selfish” Robert Mapplethorpe

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Robert Mapplethorpe is one of the most known and controversial photographers in American history. Which means that his life was always going to be ripe for a cinematic biopic.

Matt Smith was the man tasked with bringing the artist to life for Ondi Timoner's film, which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival on Sunday, and the former “Doctor Who” star recently talked me through the project.

When were you first approached about it?
Years ago. It was basically one of those films that was never going to made. But eventually I got a call.

Why wasn't it going to

get made?

Money. Films take so long, and I was thinking I was too old to do it [the actor is currently 35]. But here we are! He's such an interesting character. And I thought, ‘F—k it. I have to do it.’



What was your research process? Did you know about Mapplethorpe before?

Not really. [But] then you do what you do. You get involved and do as much research as you can. Immerse yourself. It also meant that I got to live here for seven or eight weeks. And that was

great. [New York]’s a great city. And weirdly, I was staying right around the corner from where [Mapplethorpe] lived. We got up into his house. And that was amazing. I think Basquiat lived on the same street. Patti [Smith] was down the road. They were all knocking around. And you just go, “God, New York ’round there in the ’70s!”

You're are playing Charles Manson next. What is the story?

It's about Manson and his life on the ranch, and these girls who went to prison. So you spend time with them after they've committed the murders. It cuts between those two worlds.

Clearly you have a penchant for the dark side.
I think so. I'm always drawn to hugely flawed characters.

“Mapplethorpe” is playing at the Tribeca Film Festival.

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THINGS
TODO

We asked the lead producer of Guerilla Science for some tried and tested tips on acing the all-important first date.



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Being single in New York is no treat, and with everything it takes to get to an actual date, it better go right from the first moment.

The smarties at Guerilla Science know your pain and have been hacking the dating game with science-based workshops since 2014. Onstage, scientists and comedians — to keep things lively, and because funny is sexy (read on to find out why!) — lead a night of playful activities like blindfolded dancing and whispering history's greatest love poetry to each other all in the name of uncovering what will really turn you on.

"Everyone is always in a mindset of playfulness," says Kyle Marian Viterbo, lead producer at Guerilla Science.

"Their guards are down, they're down to learn, play and hook up: 'I am learning something

new I can do tonight? Dope!"

Their next Attraction Lab goes down (pun intended) this Sunday, April 29 at Caveat. As a preview, we got some science-backed tips on how to have a better first date.

Why funny is sexy

At Attraction Lab, Guerilla Science pairs a comedian with their scientist to call out all the pseudoscience — and there's a lot especially around relationships. But whether you're telling a joke to an audience of 100 or one, it's all about creating a connection. "The power of comedy is really celebrating imperfectness, and humility and being human," says Viterbo.

Getting a laugh means you've connected on a personal level and shows that you're being vulnerable, empathetic and, most importantly, you're listening to them.

Love at first sight is overrated

Out of all romantic tropes, love at first sight is the most oversold. "Hollywood banks on love at first sight scenarios," Viterbo points out. In our instant gratification world, it's become an expectation lurking in our subconscious. And that can lead to missing out on opportunities.

While the phenomenon is real enough, love at first sight tends to be

based on beauty, is more likely to be experienced by men and is rarely mutual. "It has its values, absolutely," says Viterbo,



MARINA MCCLURE

"but it's overrated. We want to demonstrate how there's a lot of subconscious things related to our senses that influence that 'spark.'"

Don't be afraid to be vulnerable

Think of an embarrassing story while chatting?

Contrary to what you may think, impressing your date is not the best way to establish a rapport — getting them to empathize with you is a much better tactic (the technical term is conversational intimacy).

"There's a reason why it's more powerful if you share something vulnerable about yourself because it leads to a more profound connection," says Viterbo. "But use that wisely — I wouldn't necessarily go too intimate, because that could be a red flag in certain situations."

Try a shared activity

"By the act of doing a common activity," says Viterbo, "you're building a connection much quicker than you would by putting yourself in an interview situation," aka sitting across from each other in a restaurant.

Instead of asking and answering a string of questions, doing an activity like karaoke or an escape room still gives you similar goals but without the usual pressures. "It takes away an added barrier in what a typical first date might feel like."

Eat what you want

There's no piece of attraction myth more pervasive than aphrodisiacs, certain foods or drinks that are supposed to boost your sex drive. "Ask any scientist about aphrodisiacs, they'll say it's complete BS," she says.

Your first clue should be how culturally specific such "sexy foods" are. In the U.S., it's oysters and chocolate; in the Philippines, where Viterbo is from, balut (a fertilized duck egg that's been boiled) is said to boost a man's performance.

A better bet? Listen to what your date's favorite foods are and find a place you can both enjoy.

The next Attraction Lab takes place at Caveat this Sunday, April 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 on Eventbrite. MIKE MASSARO

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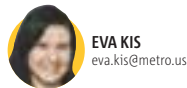
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Now that we can finally think about frozen treats again, it's time to think about ALL the frozen treats because Bryant Park's all-you-can-eat ice cream festival is back!

Known as the Scooper Bowl, the three-day event claims to be the country's largest festival devoted to frozen scoopable goodness. Mark down June 1-3 on your calendar, when you'll be sampling dozens of ice cream flavors around the park's Fountain Terrace.

The list of participants has yet to be announced, but it last

year's list is anything to go by, you'll have your choice of supermarket brands like Häagen-Dazs and Adirondack Cream-



ery, as well as local shops like Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory and vegan options from DF Mavens. Toppings are their own produc-

tion, so except way more than rainbow sprinkles and chocolate syrup.

Don't worry about running out of steam, either — the Scooper Bowl is an endurance event, with late hours every day: noon-9 p.m. on Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2, and noon-7 p.m. on Sunday, June 3.

Early birds can get tickets now through May 15 for \$20, which go up to \$25 on site.

Though it's only the Scooper Bowl's second year in New York, the event was born in Boston where it's been going down for 36 years as a "fun-raiser" for the Jimmy Fund to support pediatric and adult cancer care and research.

YOUR WEEKEND STARTS NOW

SHOPPING

Dad, Don't F*ck It Up

New dads have a lot on their minds, but that's no excuse to forget to spoil your baby mama on Mother's Day. Hatch Store, which sells goods for new moms, is hosting an event that makes it easy for guys to shop for their gals, with beer on hand and free shaves. All clueless shoppers are welcome. April 26, 6-8 p.m., Hatch Store, 17 Bleecker St., free, hatchcollection.com

FILM

New Voices in Black Cinema

Celebrate a new era for black voices on the big screen at this annual film festival at BAM Rose Cinemas. It premieres 12 features from around the world, in addition to five shorts over four days. There are also talkbacks and Q&As with contributors. April 26-29, BAM Rose Cinemas, 30 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, \$15, bam.org

DANCE



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The Alice-in-Wonderland Follies

Inspired by the most imaginative moments in Lewis Carroll's beloved children's story, the New York Theatre Ballet combines a variety of dance styles to create a vaudeville staging of The Alice-in-Wonderland Follies with four performances this weekend at Florence Gould Hall. From the Mad Hatter's tea party to Alice growing to the size of a house, each of the hour-long show's segments features its own style, whether it's classical ballet, Irish Step Dancing or African Juba. April 28-29, Florence Gould Hall, 55 E. 59th St., \$34, nytb.org

INTERNET

The New Genres: Video in the Internet Age

The Museum of the Moving Image is launching a new exhibit

this weekend, The New Genres: Video in the Internet Age, exploring how new platforms and technology have disrupted not just how we watch videos but what kinds of videos we create and share, including ASMR, unboxing, reaction videos and vlogging.

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Seeking psoriasis treatment?

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ARTS

Shakespeare's Birthday Sonnet Slam

Each year, fans of the Bard gather at the Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park for a reading of all 154 of his sonnets to honor his christening. On Friday, Shakespeare's Birthday Sonnet Slam will be led by actress Kathleen Chalfant, followed by a range of readers, often including special guests and costumed performers.

April 27, 1-4 p.m., Naumburg Bandshell, Central Park, free, sonnetsslam.com

SHOPPING

FAD Market

FAD Market kicks off its season this weekend with an event at the Brooklyn Historical Society. Support the maker movement by browsing wares from over 45 vendors offering everything from handmade art and jewelry to homewares and soaps.

April 28-29, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Brooklyn Historical Society, 168 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, free, fadmarket.com

RAMEN

All Japan Ramen Contest

The next star of New York City's ramen scene is likely to come from overseas, with Ichiran, Menya Jiro and E.A.K. Ramen. This weekend, you can taste seven exclusive bowls of ramen (and other Japanese goodies) by chefs flying in from Japan for a two-day contest of soup supremacy spanning two boroughs. The All Japan Ramen Contest is part of an annual block party called Japan Fes with performers, snacks and vendors. On April 28, the action is in Manhattan on Eighth Avenue between 15-16th streets in Chelsea, and on April 29 head to Queens on Steinway Street between Broadway and 34th Avenue in Astoria. Both events go from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

April 28-29, admission is free, bowls are \$10 each, japanefes.com

The World's Fare

Promoting equality and diversity in the food industry, as well as international cuisines, the World's Fare is a two-day event taking place at Citi Field with over 100 vendors. Your ticket gets you in (food is pay-as-you-go); upgrade for entry to the international Beer Garden featuring 80 brews. There will be live world music, art installations, pizza-making classes and even sumo wrestling demos by champion Yama.

April 28-29, Citi Field, 123-01 Roosevelt Ave., Queens, \$29-\$300, theworldsfare.nyc

SPRING

Arbor Fest

Earth Day was last weekend, but there's never a wrong time to learn how to protect our planet. Or do bar trivia at a beer garden. The Queens Botanical Garden hosts an Arbor Day that truly has something for everyone, from kids' games to grown-up drinks. There will be arts and crafts, a petting zoo and food vendors, as well as inflatables and lawn games.

April 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Queens, \$10, queensbotanical.org

WORKOUT

World Tai Chi Day

Take your weekend workout to Bryant Park, where its annual tai chi season kicks off this Saturday with three hours of classes at the Fountain Terrace. Beginners are welcome! Regular tai chi classes in the park kick off next week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 a.m., led by instructors from CK Chu Tai Chi.

April 28, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Bryant Park, free, bryantpark.org

ART

Art Battle New York

Watch 12 artists battle in a series of live painting rounds, where guests not only come to show their support (and add the pressure of a live audience), but also help vote for the winners. You'll also get to eat, drink and enjoy the spectacle of the competition — then, before it's all over, you'll have the chance to bid on the art pieces that emerge in a silent auction.

April 28, 7 p.m., Le Poisson Rouge, 158 Bleecker St., \$15-\$20, lpr.com

FOOD

Whole Hog for a Cause

Why relax at home when you can go whole hog this Sunday at Threes Brewing? Partnering with Meat Hook and the Brownsville Community Cultural Center, the brewery is hosting Whole Hog for a Cause, a pig roast whose

proceeds support healthy cuisine for families in need. It starts with a plate of barbecue and fixin's, plus two beer tickets, with the option to upgrade for unlimited food and beer. There will also be a raffle, and it all goes down in the backyard.

April 29, 5 p.m., Threes Brewing, 333 Douglass St., Brooklyn, \$75, threesbrewing.com

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SPRING

Daffodil Celebration and Wine Weekend

While the Orchid Show continues at the Conservatory, and the cherry blossoms bloom, this weekend the New York Botanical Garden is devoted to daffodils — and, actually, grapes. The Daffodil Celebration and Wine Weekend gives guests the chance to sample wines from over a dozen local wineries, while taking a gander at over 670,000 flowers in full bloom on Daffodil Hill and in the Daffodil Valley collection. Your ticket includes a tasting glass and all-garden pass.

April 28-29, New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, \$43, nybg.org



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10 Reasons to see the Kentucky Derby



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While the Kentucky Derby lasts only two minutes, The Derby Festival is two weeks of gaudy hats and mint juleps.

Fodor'sTravel

The fireworks

The annual Derby Festival kicks off with a bang, literally, at Thunder Over Louisville, the largest annual fireworks display in North America and the official start to the festival. Although the fireworks don't start until 9 p.m., most locals

head to the Ohio River waterfront in the morning to enjoy a full day of festivities leading up to the show. Highlights include a spine-tingling air show throughout the day and every type of fried food imaginable.

Insider tip: The cheapest way to watch the

fireworks is with a tent, a blanket, and some folding chairs right on the waterfront, along with thousands of other locals!

The eats

The food in Louisville is amazing year-round, but during Derby Season, it's especially good. For

a fancy and traditional meal, head to the historic Jack Fry's or beautiful Buck's in Louisville's prettiest neighborhood, Old Louisville. Looking for something a little less fancy and a little more fried? The Chow Wagon serves up fairground fare on the waterfront during the Derby Festival. Can't decide what you want? Sample it all at Taste of Derby.

You can't leave town without trying Derby Pie. Though its inventors are famously obsessed with guarding their legally protected creation (they're usually only sold frozen in grocery stores), you can find imitations all over Louisville during Derby season. Just ask for something like chocolate pecan pie and wink a lot.

The drinks

Bourbon — the sweet, amber-colored, vanilla-scented whiskey — is as quintessentially Kentucky as the Derby. Try a taste at one of the many stops on the Urban Bourbon Trail, a collection of bars in Louisville which offer over 50 varieties of bourbon.

Order the official drink of the Kentucky Derby, the mint julep; or try an Old Fashioned, the official cocktail of Louisville.

The tours

Just outside of Louisville is the Kentucky countryside, dotted with grazing horses and intersected with winding roads. Late spring turns the rolling Kentucky hills a lush, buzzing green, and there's no better time to take a day trip to tour a bourbon distillery. Woodford Reserve is the official bourbon of the Kentucky Derby. No time for a day trip? Head to Angel's Envy, a bourbon distillery located in the heart of downtown Louisville.

The fashion

Seersucker suits, cocktail dresses and ridiculously large, overly decorated hats: Derby Fashion is half the fun of Derby Season! Get inspired by the Macy's Spring Fashion Show, and then don your Sunday best and accessorize with one of the gaudiest, enormous, and beautiful hats you can find. You can pick

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up Derby-appropriate headwear at Revelry Gallery, a boutique featuring creations made by local Louisville artists. The Kentucky Derby Museum also sells a colorful array of Derby hats, which is a great excuse to visit the tracks and learn about the history of Churchill Downs.

The party

No Kentucky Derby is complete without a down-home Derby Party. If you're short on local friends, the next best thing is the Hillbilly Outfield, a two-day shindig complete with lawn games, camping and live music. You can also head to the waterfront during the week of Derby for Fest-A-Ville. The festival on the banks of the Ohio River includes live music, fried food, and a series of exciting events including Neigh-Maste, the Ken-Ducky Derby, and the Derby Pun-Writing Championship. Bonus points if you can guess which one of those events is made up.

The parade

The Pegasus Parade

has marched through downtown Louisville since 1956, making it the Derby Festival's first and oldest event. You can catch the action from the dogwood-lined streets of Broadway. Keep an eye out for the Grand Marshal, a position served by celebrities and local heroes. Yes, that includes Louisville's own Muhammad Ali and Colonel Harland Sanders. If you came to this article looking for a reference to Kentucky Fried Chicken, that was it. There's only one.

The steamboats

The Ohio River, and the steamboats that traversed her muddy banks, are as much a part of Louisville's colorful history as the Derby. Relive that history on The Belle of Louisville, who has graced Louisville with her bright red paddle wheel since 1914. Today, the Belle of Louisville typically hosts guests for dinners, evening cruises and events. But during the Derby Festival, she gears up for The Great Steamboat Race. For over 50 years, two historic steamboats have raced down the

Ohio River in the most exciting 20-or-so minutes in boat-racing. Board the Belle or her opponent, the Belle of Cincinnati, to experience the action front and center. Or, you can watch the race from the waterfront.

The celebrities

During Derby Week, celebrities from the A-list to the H-list flock to Derby City to party in style (or, in Jennifer Lawrence's case, to visit her hometown). Rub elbows at Unbridled Eve or at The Barnstable Brown Gala, the most star-studded event of the season.

Hosted by the Doublemint Twins (yes, really), a ticket costs over \$1,000. Not quite on a celebrity budget? Just pick a party and head to the venue to watch the red carpet festivities from outside!

Insider tip: Many celebrities will be staying at 21C Museum Hotel or The Brown Hotel, two of the most famous accommodations in Louisville. Stop by either for brunch and you might just catch a few hungover celebrities hiding behind oversized sunglasses.



Meet Pegasus at this family-friendly parade.

The races

The most exciting two minutes of sports may be the main attraction of the season at Churchill Downs, but it's certainly not the only race. If you want to soak up the excitement of the races without the price tag (or the crowds), you can visit Churchill

Downs all week long on a general admission ticket. The stakes are a lot lower, but the drinks are just as good — and there will still be plenty of fabulous giant hats. Most locals go to Turfway or the Kentucky Oaks rather than the actual Derby, anyway.

During the week

leading up to the Derby, head to Churchill Downs early to catch the morning workouts during Dawn at the Downs. Afterwards, pop across the street to Wagner's Pharmacy for a bite to eat. Since 1922, this historic diner has been serving down-home meals and selling jockey silks.

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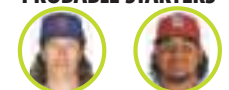
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Metro's final NFL Mock Draft

The big day is here. Just hours before the start of the 2018 NFL Draft, Metro predicts each team's pick in the first round.


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1.


JOSH ALLEN

 QUARTERBACK
 WYOMING

HEIGHT: 6'5"
WEIGHT: 237 LBS
 56.3 COMPLETION %
 1,812 YARDS
 16 TOUCHDOWNS
 6 INTERCEPTIONS

It's apparently down to Allen and Baker Mayfield for the top pick, but the Wyoming product has a cannon of an arm and all the intangibles needed to succeed in the NFL. It's too much to pass up, especially after a monstrous showing at his pro day in which he was lobbing up absolute bombs that travelled around 70 yards in the air. Last year's numbers aren't going to jump off the page, but if put in the right system, Allen can thrive. It remains to be seen if Allen would start immediately should he be drafted by Cleveland after the Browns picked up Tyrod Taylor last month.

2.


SAQUON BARKLEY

 RUNNING BACK
 PENN STATE

HEIGHT: 6'0"
WEIGHT: 233 LBS
40-YARD DASH
 4.4 SECONDS

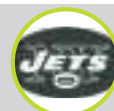
225-LB BENCH
 29 REPS

VERTICAL JUMP
 41.0 INCHES

20-YD. SHUTTLE
 4.24 SECONDS

The Browns drafting a quarterback gives the Giants a chance to draft a generational talent in the backfield. Barkley is the best overall prospect in this year's class and will flourish in the Big Apple. This is a back who can rip open a defense on the ground or can catch with a reliable set of hands out of the backfield.

3.


BAKER MAYFIELD

 QUARTERBACK
 OKLAHOMA

HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 215 LBS
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 70.5 COMPLETION %
 4,627 YARDS

43 TOUCHDOWNS

6 INTERCEPTIONS

Even with Sam Darnold and Josh Rosen available, the Jets have been high on Mayfield for the better part of the last month. He is a flat-out gamer and was the best pure passer in the nation last year on his way to a Heisman Trophy. He will redshirt his rookie season behind Josh McCown and Teddy Bridgewater.

4.


BRADLEY CHUBB

 DEFENSIVE END
 NC STATE

HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 269 LBS
40-YARD DASH
 4.65 SECONDS

225-LB BENCH
 24 REPS

VERTICAL JUMP
 36.0 INCHES

20-YD. SHUTTLE
 4.41 SECONDS

With Barkley off the board, the Browns will round out their defensive line with the best pass-rushing talent available. Chubb is an absolute force coming off the edge and will create a vaunted duo with Myles Garrett. Last season was his finest in college with 10 sacks and 23 tackles for a loss.

5.


SAM DARNOLD

 QUARTERBACK
 USC

HEIGHT: 6'3"
WEIGHT: 221 LBS

63.1 COMPLETION %

4,143 YARDS

26 TOUCHDOWNS

13 INTERCEPTIONS

I have the Bills trading up into the top-five with the Broncos, who reportedly have made the pick available. Buffalo is desperate for a quarterback after trading away Tyrod Taylor and might have the best one in the draft fall into their laps given Cleveland and the Jets' interest in Allen and Mayfield. There were concerns surrounding his turnover issues, but his strong pro day in a torrential downpour only helped his stock.

6. COLTS- Quenton Nelson, OG, Notre Dame

7. BUCCANEERS- Derwin James, S, Florida State

8. BEARS- Roquan Smith, OLB, Georgia

9. 49ERS- Tremaine Edmunds, ILB, VA Tech

10. RAIDERS- Denzel Ward, CB, Ohio State

11. DOLPHINS- Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA

12. BRONCOS (from Bills)- Josh Jackson, CB, Iowa

13. REDSKINS- Vita Vea, DL, Washington

14. PACKERS- Minkah Fitzpatrick, S, Alabama

15. CARDINALS- Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama

16. RAVENS- Hayden Hurst, TE, South Carolina

17. CHARGERS- Da'Ron Payne, DT, Alabama

18. SEAHAWKS- Mike McGlinchey, G, ND

19. COWBOYS- D.J. Moore, WR, Maryland

20. LIONS- Marcus Davenport, DE, UTSA

21. BENGALS- Will Hernandez, OG, UTEP

22. BRONCOS (from Bills)- Courtland Sutton, WR, SMU

23. PATRIOTS- Rashaan Evans, LB, Alabama

24. PANTHERS- Christian Kirk, WR, Texas A&M

25. TITANS- Harold Landry, DE, Boston College

26. FALCONS- Taven Bryan, DT, Florida

27. SAINTS- Lamar Jackson, QB, Louisville

28. STEELERS- Leighton Vander Esch, LB, Boise State

29. JAGUARS- Kolton Miller, OT, UCLA

30. VIKINGS- Billy Price, C, Ohio State

31. PATRIOTS- Jaire Alexander, CB, Louisville

32. EAGLES- Sony Michel, RB, Georgia

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Vernon talks swap from DE to LB

The Giants veteran pass rusher will be playing in a new position in James Bettcher's defense.



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Other than maybe being the biggest guy in the meeting room, not much will change for New York Giants pass rusher Olivier Vernon. He may be a linebacker now in terms of technical designation but he expects his role and purpose to be the same: Get after the quarterback.

In the switch to first-year defensive coordinator James Bettcher's 3-4 defense, Vernon now will be playing as an outside linebacker. Things won't change too much for Vernon in this role, even though he will now be playing while standing up. The Giants had



Once a defensive end, Olivier Vernon will now play as an outside linebacker for the Giants under new defensive coordinator James Bettcher. GETTY IMAGES

utilized a 4-3 with Vernon as a defensive end the past two years under previous defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo.

It is a role, Vernon said on Tuesday, that he is familiar with. He often played standing up

while with the Miami Dolphins prior to joining the Giants in free agency two years ago.

For motivation, Vernon need look no further than what Bettcher did in his last stop prior to the Giants. Vernon's

responsibilities will look similar to what Chandler Jones did under Bettcher's watch since 2015 in Arizona. "Yeah, I mean he was still rushing a whole lot. I think he led the league in sacks last year," Vernon said. "So,

he was still down there rushing and getting after the quarterback and when it came down to the schemes and stuff like that, using him and dropping him and stuff like that. So, we've just got to see."

The 28-year old Jones had 17 sacks last year. In the last three years since Bettcher was appointed defensive coordinator in Arizona, Jones has combined for 40.5 sacks.

That certainly is sound production.

"I mean, we're two different players. Chandler Jones is his own player, I'm my own player. He had a great season last year and that just happens," Vernon said. "He was doing what he had to do, they had a great defense and right now, we're just trying to get everything down pat, chemistry as well. And we'll see from there."

Vernon said his off-season training and workouts haven't changed much with the tweak to how he will line-up. He joked that the biggest change involves being in a different meeting room after having been with the defensive line the past two seasons.

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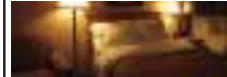
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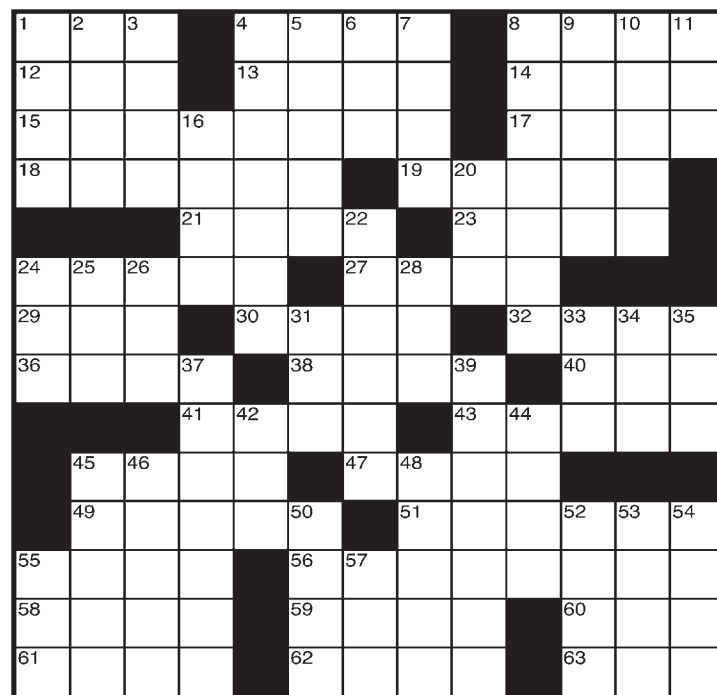
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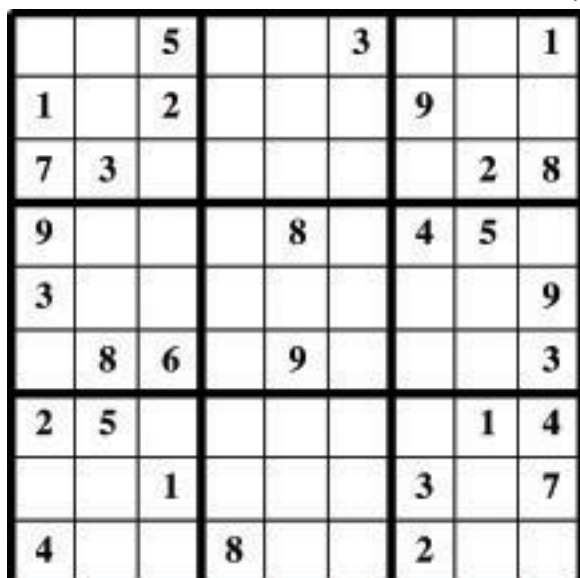
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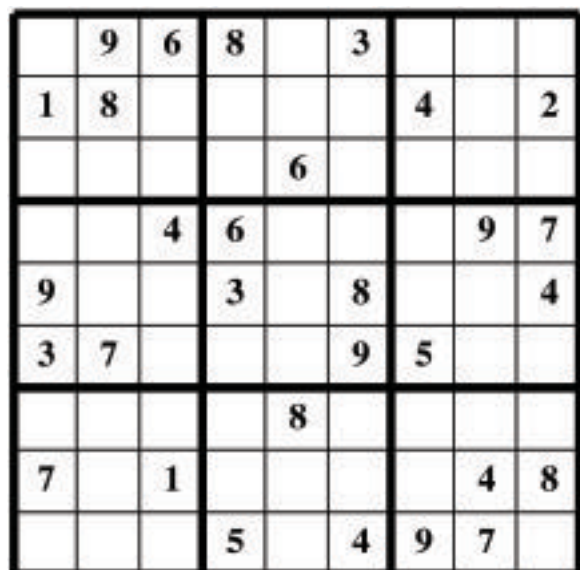


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Gemini Learn from your mistakes. Let your charm and playful attitude take care of anyone who doubts you. A makeover will bring about unexpected compliments.



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